

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 19.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 30, 1849.

I...To carry out the provisions of the 6th Section of the Act of May 19, 1846, relative to establishing military posts on the Oregon route, and to afford protection to the numerous emigrants to that country and California, the first station has already been established, under instructions of the Secretary of War of June 1, 1847, on the Platte River, near Grand Island, and is known as *Fort Kearny*. The garrison of this post will be one company 1st Dragoons and two companies 6th Infantry, to be designated by the commander of the Department.

Under the same instructions of the Secretary of War, it now becomes necessary to establish the second station at or near *Fort Laramie*, a trading station belonging to the American Fur Company. The garrison of this post will be two companies of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, to be halted on the route, and one company 6th Infantry.

In the further fulfilment of the requirements of the Act of May 19, 1846, the march of the Rifle Regiment to Oregon during the ensuing season is deemed the proper occasion for establishing a third post on the route to and through that Territory. From the best information on the subject, it is supposed the most eligible point for this third station in the N. W. chain of posts may be found somewhere on Bear River or its tributaries, near enough to the settlements in the vicinity of Salt Lake to obtain with facility such supplies of subsistence and forage as they may afford. The trading establishment at Fort Hall, on the upper waters of the Columbia River, has also been considered an advantageous position. The instructions to Brevet Major General Twiggs, commanding the 6th military Department, charge that officer with giving the necessary directions upon the subject.

II...*Fort Atkinson* being no longer required for military purposes, the garrison has already been withdrawn.

Fort Crawford, being also no longer required, the commanding of.

ficer of the 6th Department has been authorized to withdraw the companies composing the garrison, and to assign them to such stations on the frontiers as he may judge expedient. The quarters and other public property pertaining to the Post will be disposed of by the responsible departments of the Staff.

III...ARTICLE 72 "REGULATIONS FOR THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT," (the same as *paragraph 891*, of "GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE ARMY," *edition of 1841*,) is amended by substituting the following:

One complete set of arms and accoutrements of each description may, if the state of the public supplies will permit, be issued to any officer of the Army for his own use, and no other's, on his payment of the cost price thereof to the issuing officer.

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